

ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1935

UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
Washington, D. C.

The committee met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a. m., in the Finance Committee room, Senate Office Building, Senator Pat Harrison, chairman, presiding.

The **CHAIRMAN**. I am placing in the record some statistics concerning the extent and amount of insurance in certain particular fields, submitted by Dr. Edwin E. Witte, of the Committee on Economic Security.

The following figures are for eight large group-insurance-writing companies estimated as of December 31, 1934:

GROUP ANNUITIES (APPROXIMATELY 98 PERCENT)

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| Number of master contracts | 325 |
| Number of active employees covered | 290,000 |
| Amount of annual income payments at maturity | \$150,000,000 |
| Amount of premium income for the year 1934 | \$40,000,000 |

GROUP ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE (APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT)

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| Number of master contracts | 5,000 |
| Number of employees covered | 1,600,000 |
| Amount of weekly indemnity | \$18,900,000 |
| Amount of premium income for the year 1934 | \$19,000,000 |

GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE (APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT)

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| Number of master contracts | 2,500 |
| Number of employees covered | 800,000 |
| Volume in force | \$1,200,000,000 |
| Amount of premium income for the year 1934 | \$2,500,000 |

INDIVIDUAL ANNUITIES (APPROXIMATELY 98 PERCENT) FOR 25 LEADING INSURANCE COMPANIES ESTIMATED AS OF DEC. 31, 1934

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| Number of contracts | 500,000 |
| Amount of annual income at maturity | \$250,000,000 |
| Premium income for the year 1934 | \$300,000,000 |

Source: Letter dated February 9, 1935, from Mr. N. E. Horlick, director, group annuities, Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, addressed to Dr. E. E. Witte, Executive director Committee on Economic Security.

The **CHAIRMAN**. The committee will come to order. The first witness is Robert B. Irwin.